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SUBJ: APPEALS COURT SENTENCES HANGUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY STUDENTS

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1. SEOUL APPEALS COURT CONFIRMED CONVICTIONS OF HANGUK THEOLOGY STUDENTS ON FEBRUARY 28. FIVE STUDENTS HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING EM-9 FOR DEMONSTRATION IN MID-1977. APPEALS COURT REDUCED SENTENCES FOR TWO STUDENTS TO RANGE OF THREE TO TWO YEARS. ONE STUDENT RECEIVED SAME TWO YEAR SENTENCE IMPOSED BY LOWER COURT.

2. IN CASE OF STUDENTS KIM HYON-SU AND KIM HA-POM (SON OF KNCC SECGEN KIM KWAN-SUK) SENTENCES WERE INCREASED TO THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT (ONE YEAR MORE THAN LOWER COURT SENTENCE). BOTH STUDENTS HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH ADDITIONAL VIOLATION OF EM-9 WHILE IN JAIL. APPARENTLY, THE TWO HAD PLACED SIGN OUTSIDE THEIR JAIL WINDOW CALLING FOR ABOLITION OF YUSHIN CONSTITUTION.

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